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INTERNATIONAL FARMERS' NIGHT TO BE OBSERVED Moves to Oust Chamberlain Gain Momentum

RADIO NIGHT FOR FARM MOVEMENT, CANADA AND U.S.A.

To Exchange Greetings With Western Canada and Northern States Farm Bodies

FROM U.F.A. CONVENTION

Unique Program Arranged for January 19th, During Alberta Farm Convention

Unique in the annals of the farmers' movement in Canada and the United States will be an Inter-provincial and International "Farmers' Night" on the air which will be a feature of the forthcoming Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta.

The night will be Thursday, January 19th. On that occasion, from 9 p.m. until after midnight, the facilities of radio station CFCN in Calgary will be turned over to a committee of the Convention, who with the expert assistance of the station officials, will have charge of the program.

The program will include a special farmers' dance, in the Palliser Hotel, to take the place of the dance usually held on the Monday of Convention week; and the orchestra of station CFCN will provide the music.

International Event

During the evening, greetings will be extended over the air to farmers' organizations in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and British Columbia, and in the Northern United States, including, it is expected, the farmers' unions and officers in Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, and North and South Dakota. The co-operation of the various Provincial and United States organizations is already in many cases assured; and it is expected that meetings of farmers' local groups throughout this wide territory will gather to listen in. Musical numbers will be dedicated to the farm people of every Province and State participating. From these greetings will be sent by wire in response to brief messages over the air from Calgary.

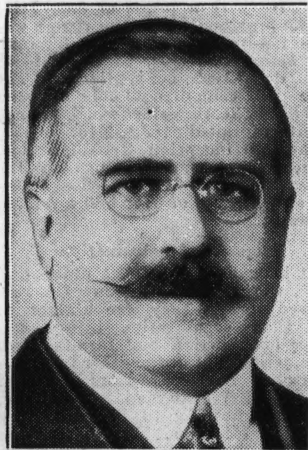
The U.F.A. will have its own announcer, thoroughly conversant with all farm organizations in the West. Brief greetings will be given by President of the United Grain Growers, R. S. Law, and the President of the Alberta Wheat Pool, Lew Hutchinson, and from leading farmers' co-operatives in other fields, during the evening. Highlights of the Convention will be given in a special newscast by W. Norman Smith, Editor of *The Western Farm Leader*.

Among one-minute features will be the introductions of the farthest north member of the organization, and the member living farthest south, the oldest member, and the youngest.

Station Gives Facilities

This remarkable broadcasting event will be made possible through the

Commission Chairman



Dr. Joseph Sirois of Quebec, shown here, succeeded Hon. N. W. Rowell as chairman of the royal commission of Dominion-Provincial relations upon Mr. Rowell's retirement, due to ill health.

Paish Urges International Action to Avert Collapse

Combined action to prevent breakdown of international trade was urgently recommended by Sir George Paish, English economist, in a recent interview in Winnipeg. The recent trade agreements between Great Britain and the U.S., and Canada and the U.S., should be followed immediately by a conference of larger scope.

SIR JOHN AIRD PASSES

TORONTO, Dec. 1st.—For 60 years connected with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and for 13 years its president, Sir John Aird died here yesterday at the age of 83.

courtesy of radio station CFCN. The station is giving its facilities without charge. There will be a fifteen minutes' intermission in order that listeners may hear the usual Texaco newscast, from 10 to 10:15 p.m.

Jack Sutherland of the U.F.A. Executive, who some months ago was appointed a one-man committee to arrange for this special program, has been giving constant attention to the matter since, with the result that the International Farmers' Night is now assured.

Typical of the response to letters sent out during recent months in regard to this matter, was a message received by Mr. Sutherland from Mrs. Gladys Talbot Edwards, director for the Junior Department of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America, Jamestown, North Dakota, who wrote, in part: "I think your idea of a broadcast and the exchange of greetings at your convention is a most splendid one. I hope we shall be able to get in throughout the northern tier of states."

Trade Treaties Will Feature Discussions Forthcoming Session

Parliament Opens January 8th—
How Primary Industries Are
Affected by Pacts

By M. McDougall
(Special to *The Western Farm Leader*)

OTTAWA, Dec. 1st.—The Government is making its preparations for the new session which will be called January 8th. Undoubtedly the Canada-U.S. and the U.K.-U.S. pacts will come in for extensive discussions. There is also for the early summer beginning May 15th, the visit of the King and Queen.

The way in which the treaties continue to be commented upon is in the main favorable. While certain manufacturing industries have had their tariffs cut, the hoped-for effect on general trade of the operation of the treaties is emphasized as well as the prospective strengthening of the economic bonds between the democracies.

Pact and Primary Industries

Although the two shillings a quarter preference on wheat has gone by the board, there is no doubt that benefits to primary industries are the outstanding features of the Canada-U.S. pact, cattle, dairy products, potatoes, fish and lumber forming quite an impressive list of commodities receiving favorable consideration. It is furthermore pretty clear that while the Imperial preferences in quite a number of commodities have been sliced for the benefit of the United States exporters, the Imperial pacts themselves still remain an integral and vital part of the economic life of the Dominion and the United Kingdom. While concessions are granted to U.S. hams, it would seem that the position of Canadian bacon in the British market is not likely to be seriously threatened. Danish bacon is now and will probably continue to be Canada's principal competitor in the British market.

Abandoned Wheat Preference

There is some difference of opinion on the effect of the wiping away of the wheat preference. The wheat market as it now stands is founded on the world's supply and demand situation, but it is also affected by the various national policies in regard to self sufficiency and bonusing of exports, etc. It is therefore felt that the removal of the six cents a bushel tariff in England on wheat imports from countries not enjoying the British preference will not have much effect on world prices. Ports on the Canadian Atlantic seaboard, however, are a little afraid that their trade may be somewhat affected by the cancellation of the preference, as Canadian wheat to enjoy the preference had to be shipped from Canadian seaports.

The East feels that the stimulus given the livestock industry through expansion of quotas and reductions in rates of duty, the reduction in rates on cream separators and other articles,

IF LABOR GIVES LEAD, TORIES MAY JOIN IN EFFORT

Will Labor Sponsor Move for Real
National Opposition to
Betrayal Policy?

EDEN'S FUTURE

Churchill-Eden Groups May Yet
Force Change of Foreign
Policy

LONDON, Dec. 1st.—Will the Labor Party act in time to rally the growing forces in all parties opposed to the betrayal of the democracies and the constantly growing efforts to restrict freedom of discussion in Britain in deference to the Nazi dictators?

Co-operation With Roosevelt

This is the question widely discussed in Britain today. The Labor party, on too many occasions, has in the opinion of many of its supporters, been far too tender to Mr. Chamberlain's susceptibilities, to press home with full force the drive for a foreign policy which would bring Britain into line with Roosevelt and Hull, and thus pave the way to the building of an effective combination, inclusive of the Soviet Union, capable of resisting the Nazi drive, for world domination.

Those who have access to the German editions of *Mein Kampf* have realized that the strategy set forth in that book years ago has been consistently followed, with marked success.

If British Labor gives an effective lead, it is believed possible that many anti-Chamberlain Conservatives would join in a movement to form a national opposition to oust the Government. Failing that, an Eden-Churchill move within the party may yet bring success. Eden, it is stated by some of those close to him, is not out of the running as a factor in such a movement, in spite of his recent utterances.

Lachlan McKinnon is the new president of the Southern Alberta Old-Timers' Association.

Over a million farmers in the U.S. are buying supplies co-operatively.

Canadian aeroplanes carry more freight than those of any other country except the U.S.S.R.

Germany's foreign trade is reported to be suffering as a result of worldwide indignation against Nazi treatment of Jews and other minorities.

the cancellation of the three per cent excise on duty paid American imports, mean substantial business improvement in the West. It is a step towards the general reduction of tariffs hampering international trade, in which the West of Canada is so vitally interested.

Alberta Wheat Pool Delegates Hold Annual Convention

THE Alberta Wheat Pool delegates met in Calgary on Tuesday, 22nd of November, at the Sixteenth Annual Convention. Lew Hutchinson, chairman of the Board of Directors, opened the meeting with a few introductory remarks. He mentioned that of those delegates who were present at the First Annual Convention, fifteen years previously; only ten were directly associated with the Pool today, namely: J. D. Madill, Foremost; John A. Johansen, Woolford; J. J. Dann, Vulcan; John Fowlie, Bindloss; John W. Laing, Galahad; Fred Mawson, Vilna; Chris Jensen, Magrath; Ben S. Plumer, Bassano; G. G. Coote, Nanton; and Mr. Hutchinson himself.

Mr. Hutchinson told the delegates that the Wheat Pool and Pool Elevators had benefited the wheat producers of the Province in many ways. Undoubtedly, the Pools of Western Canada had made a substantial contribution in the moves that led to the establishment of a Federal Wheat Board.

The delegates elected Andrew B. Wood of Dewberry chairman. T. S. Montgomerie of Hilda and John Fowlie of Bindloss, were named vice-chairmen.

Results of the Year 1937-38

R. D. Purdy, general manager, presented a report of the operations of Alberta Pool Elevators for the business year ending July 31st, 1938.

The net operating earnings amounted to \$335,420.42. This compares with an operating deficit of \$371,696.11 in the previous year. An improvement of \$707,116.53.

After allowing \$264,563.93 for depreciation, and paying \$243,531.15 to the Alberta Government as interest, the sum of \$172,674.66 had to be taken from previously accumulated earnings.

Handlings of Pool elevators for 1937-38 totalled 23,266,279 bushels, an increase in percentage of handlings over the previous year. The previous year's handlings totalled 19,455,220 bushels.

During the year the Pool either built, or wrecked and re-built, elevators at Equity, Mannville, Onoway and Sangudo, and made use of salvage insofar as possible from wrecking elevators at Calthorpe, Coalhurst and Little Gem.

It was decided during the year to give up the lease on the Prince Rupert government terminal, in view of unsatisfactory export conditions during the past two years on the Pacific Coast, and to concentrate terminal operations at Vancouver. Following this policy, Vancouver Terminal No. 2, a federal structure, was leased during the past summer and is being operated along with the five million bushel Alberta Pool Terminal at that point.

The Alberta Pool sales organization, with offices at Vancouver, Winnipeg and Calgary, marketed during the 1937-38 season 26,719,585 bushels of grain, compared to 20,970,000 bushels marketed during the previous year.

Alberta Pool elevator agents assisted in the distributing of 1,100 cars of various forms of relief, a large portion of which were commodities in which the Pool organization had no direct interest. The services of agents as well as the use of Pool facilities were given without remuneration.

With a better crop in Alberta in 1938, prospects are for a substantially larger handling by Pool elevators in the 1938-39 crop year, with improved financial results.

Directors' Report

Features of the Alberta Wheat Pool directors' report included the following: The Board expressed satisfaction that the Wheat Board was made operative during the 1938-39 season

with a minimum price of 80c, basis One Northern at the terminal. At the annual delegates' meeting in 1937 a resolution was passed asking that the Federal Government should be pressed with the necessity for the establishment of one selling agency to have control of the entire supply of grain in its flow to market. The Pool directors, following up this resolution, made a request to the Canadian Government early in January for an active Wheat Board to market the 1938 crop. This was followed by personal contact with the wheat committee of the Cabinet at Ottawa when the executive of the Canadian Wheat Pool made a strong and effective appeal to put the Wheat Board into active operation in time to handle the 1938 crop.

The Board's report made comment on the report of the Turgeon Royal Grain Inquiry Commission, stating that "The findings of the Commission were a keen disappointment to the organized farmers of Western Canada." The Pools made submissions to the Turgeon Commission during the various sittings of that body stressing the need of a national Wheat Board to market all Canada's wheat. The Commission's report was adverse to such a marketing system.

Press Claim re Stabilization Operations

A net profit of \$9,628,881.31 was made in the sale of wheat taken over from the Canadian Wheat Pool and conducted as a price stabilization operation from November, 1930, to November, 1935, by John I. McFarland. A portion of the wheat handled in this way was carryover from the 1930 Pool operations and the Government paid \$6,521,026.16 for the purpose of permitting the three provincial Pools to equalize payments to their members on the wheat delivered to the 1930-31 Pool at a price of 60c a bushel, basis One Northern, Fort William. After deducting this payment of the Pools there still remains in the hands of the Government \$3,107,855.15 of the surplus from stabilization operations. The directors of the Alberta Pool, in conjunction with sister Pools, are pressing their claim to a portion of this surplus sufficient to cover operating expenses of the three pooling associations for the fiscal year 1930-31, amounting to \$862,487.57, of which Alberta's share is \$255,324.81; also to restore that portion of the capital to the Canadian Wheat Pool amounting to \$122,859.58, which had been applied in the reduction of the stabilization account bank loan and not recovered in the settlement.

One paragraph in the directors' report mentioned that the final instalment of \$250,000 had been paid on the Alberta Pool terminal No. One at Vancouver, together with the accrued interest. Terminal No. Two, leased from the Federal Government in previous years was relinquished during the 1937-38 crop year (Note: this was leased by the Alberta Pool during the summer of 1938 for one year). The lease on the Prince Rupert terminal, held by the Alberta Pool for twelve years, was given up on the expiry date, July 31st, 1938.

The Alberta Wheat Pool has maintained its affiliation with the Alberta Co-operative Council throughout the year as this Council provides a meeting place for representatives of co-operative and educational organizations. The Pool is also affiliated with the Canadian Chamber of Agriculture, whose objective is to secure for the farming industry of Canada a more equitable share of the national income.

Auditors' Report

The auditors' report was presented to the meeting Wednesday afternoon by K. J. Morrison, of the firm of Harvey & Morrison, Chartered Accountants.

The Alberta Pool's financial position shows net free assets in excess of all liabilities of \$4,103,984.04.

Current assets in excess of current liabilities as at July 31st, 1938, totalled \$3,175,247.23. Current assets included \$2,648,561.22 cash in bank at that date, Alberta Government bonds of a redeemable value \$568,400.00, stocks of grain and coal \$142,772.26, advances on grain \$71,082.70, accounts receivable \$140,823.80, making a total of \$3,571,639.98. Current liabilities totalled \$396,392.75.

Canadian Pool Agencies Limited, the insurance subsidiary of the three Provincial Pools, had a profit of \$35,847.56 as a result of its operations in the business year 1937-38. This compares with a profit of \$39,771.75 for the previous year. The report was presented by R. M. Dancer, of Winnipeg, acting manager, to the Alberta Pool delegates' convention. The assets of Canadian Pool Agencies total \$304,521.31 against which Agency liabilities totalled \$168,839.15.

Since its inception Canadian Pool Agencies has made savings to the Wheat Pools of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta of over half a million dollars.

Proposed Amalgamation

"It became evident that unless and until the United Grain Growers Limited decide they are willing to split their organization into three, selling one portion and forming two organizations out of the other two with Manitoba Pool Elevators Limited and Alberta Wheat Pool, respectively, there was nothing to be gained by further negotiations. They have given us no indication as to their decision in this respect, so nothing further was done."

The above is an extract from a special report presented by the Board of Directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool to the delegates' convention.

The report said the committee conducting the negotiations with a similar committee from the U.G.G. definitely declined to entertain a proposition that the Alberta Wheat Pool amalgamate with the U.G.G. to form one "three province-wide" organization, handling grain in all three provinces in competition with sister Pools in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

The United Grain Growers gave no indication of being willing to disrupt their organization, so it became a question of trying to make some arrangements with the Pools of other provinces, the report stated.

The delegates decided to pursue the matter of amalgamation further and appointed a committee from their own ranks, namely: Andrew B. Wood, of Dewberry; John Fowlie of Bindloss; and James R. Hannaford, of Howie. This committee will endeavor to get similar committees appointed from the delegate bodies of the Manitoba and Saskatchewan Wheat Pools, and a committee of nine to be appointed from the United Grain Growers delegate body to explore the whole matter of unity. It was realized that the other committees could not be nominated until next fall, but several delegates thought that this matter should be one for lengthy consideration and that haste was not necessary.

Marketing Problems

J. H. Wesson, president of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, addressed the Alberta Pool delegates on Thursday afternoon. His subject was the Empire Producers' Conference, held at Sydney, Australia, early in the year, which he attended as a delegate.

Mr. Wesson said that in his opinion producers of farm products in the British Empire countries will have to give up the idea of an unlimited British market for their products. The United Kingdom, once a free trade nation,

is now definitely a high protectionist country. Agriculture in Britain is also being adequately protected.

Mr. Wesson said Canadian farmers must organize to regulate the supply of farm products to markets. If such a program does not prevent extremely low prices in agricultural commodities, then all farm production will have to be subsidized—not wheat alone.

"We in Western Canada have been fighting for low tariffs for over thirty years and have accomplished nothing," Mr. Wesson said. "We have been kicking against a solid wall. A better method is to take active steps to see that prices of our own products are protected."

Mr. Wesson said legislation is needed to control export and interprovincial trade in farm products.

With regard to wheat Mr. Wesson said the Pool's policy was in favor of international action to try to find a solution for over-production of wheat throughout the world. The Pools did not believe in arbitrary reduction of wheat acreage in Western Canada, but effective regulation of the flow to market.

The variability of production in the spring wheat area of the west makes acreage reduction ineffective, but it is unwise to consider acreage reduction on any large scale. Rather Canada should favor controlled world marketing.

All directors of the Pool were re-elected.

(Additional details of this meeting will appear in next issue.)

U.F.A. Co-operative Hold Fifth Annual Conference, Calgary

Very Satisfactory Development During Year and Improved Financial Position

Representatives of the Coronation, Acadia, Pembina, Milo and District, and U.F.A. Central Co-operative Associations, assembled in Calgary at U.F.A. Central Office and the Board of Trade Council Room, on November 29th and 30th. The conference received a report from the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Board, showing a very satisfactory year's development and a very considerably improved financial position, the chief feature of which is a marked increase in sales of petroleum products at the 99 wholesale and retail plants under contract with The Maple Leaf Petroleum Limited.

Delegates Present

George MacLachlan, Clyde, occupied the chair. George N. Johnston of Loyalist acted as secretary. The following delegates were in attendance on the first day:

Coronation: Messrs. Charles A. Fawcett, W. McCrea, G. N. Johnston. Acadia: Norman D. Stewart, Jake Frey, D. H. Smith.

Pembina: George MacLachlan, R. D. Ponting.

Huxley to Grainger: Sidney B. Hepburn.

Milo: E. S. Shore, V. J. Bertrand. U.F.A. Central Co-operative: Norman F. Priestley, George E. Church, J. K. Sutherland.

The delegates were entertained to dinner in the Spanish Room of the Palliser Hotel on Tuesday evening, November 29th, by W. F. Wallace, Manager, Maple Leaf Petroleum, Limited, members of the Office Staff, J. E. Brownlee, K.C., Solicitor; W. Norman Smith, Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*, being additional guests.

Defaulting Debtors Under Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act

By HON. J. E. BROWNLEE, K.C., LL.D.

A number of enquiries have been received as to the position of debtors who have made applications under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act and received proposals from the Board of Review, but either because of crop failure or low prices of grain are not able to make the payments directed by the Board of Review. This is particularly true of proposals made during the first year the Board of Review was in operation.

By an amendment to the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act made at the last session of the Dominion Parliament, if the debtor defaults in any of the payments directed, the creditor can apply to the proper district court, by notice of motion, for an order setting aside the proposal. This notice of motion must be served on the debtor usually by registered mail, whereupon the debtor has the right to appear in court on the date specified and state the reasons why he has not been able to make the payments.

The act provides that no order annulling the proposal shall be made if the failure by the debtor to make his payments is due to causes beyond his control. The term "causes beyond his control" no doubt includes crop failure either resulting from drought, hail or frost, as well as the prices prevailing for farm products.

The One Weakness

The one weakness to the scheme of the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act is that it provides a speedy remedy for the creditor if the debtor does not make the payments as ordered and the creditor does not have to obtain the consent of the Provincial Debt Adjustment Board before making his

application to the district court judge by notice of motion as above stated. In other words, when a farmer makes an application under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act he thereby loses much of the protection of the Provincial Debt Adjustment Board. The Dominion Parliament evidently felt that as a compensation for the reductions in debt which the Board of Review would order, the creditor was entitled to this speedy remedy. If the creditor succeeds in getting an order annulling (or setting aside) the proposal, he can either apply to have the debtor declared a bankrupt, or with the consent of the Debt Adjustment Board, he can proceed in the ordinary way to realize his security or to collect his debt.

The important point, however, is that the debtor has the right, in the event that the creditor takes action, to appear before the court and show that his failure to pay is because of causes beyond his control.

The best advice I can give is that any creditor who finds himself unable to make the payments ordered by the Board of Review should first prepare a careful statement showing his income from his farm produce and his necessary expenses, and then consult either the Official Receiver or a lawyer to decide first whether some amount can be distributed among his creditors and if so the nature of such distribution, or secondly to get in touch with the creditors to obtain a postponement of all payments. If a debtor is served with notice of motion to set aside the proposal he should immediately consult a solicitor so that his position can be properly placed before the Court.

Answers to Enquiries

Beneficiary Under Will

M.R.—1. A beneficiary to an estate is not necessarily entitled to an accounting from the executors. For example, if the beneficiary is only entitled by the will to a legacy of a definite sum and the legacy is paid, then the beneficiary has no further interest in the estate and could hardly demand an accounting. If, on the other hand, the beneficiary is entitled to a percentage or share either of the whole estate or of the residue after payment of certain legacies, he or she would be entitled to an accounting.

2. If the beneficiary is entitled to an accounting and this is not made within a reasonable time by the executor, then an application can be made to the proper court for an order for the administration of the estate which would involve requiring the executor to submit his accounts to the court.

3. Without knowing how the estate is to be distributed under the will I cannot say how much the succession duties would be. It might be from one to five percent, depending upon the relationship of the various beneficiaries to the deceased plus a special tax as fixed by the Succession Duties Act.

Answered in General Article

J.G.McK.—Your question is answered under the general article in this issue.

Exemptions From Seizure

R.H.—The exemptions from seizure under the Exemptions Act are as follows:

- (a) Necessary and ordinary clothing for the debtor and his family.
- (b) Furniture, household furnishings, dairy utensils, swine and poultry to the value of \$500.00.
- (c) Grain, flour, vegetables and meat to provide food for the debtor and his family until the next harvest.
- (d) Six horses, six cows, six sheep,

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PAISH GIVES WARNING

When Sir George Paish, noted British economist, talks for publication, the world takes notice.

Prior to 1929, his predictions were generally ignored by the school of economists who believed that the secret of "permanent prosperity on the American plan"—with two cars in every garage and two chickens in every pot—had been discovered. We met some of these economists at the time—and they thought our dissent seditious. The belief, however, was not confined to the North American continent. Even in Europe "Fordization" was hailed in many quarters, as the endless-belt route to Utopia.

But Sir George thought otherwise. Years before the collapse came, he had been predicting it, and warning of its consequences. He was regarded as a sort of modern Cassandra, and just as much derided as was that propheticess of woe. But Cassandra was right, and so was Sir George.

The other day in Winnipeg, the British economist again made a prediction. Unless steps were taken "to restore the world's buying power and prevent the world business machine from coming to a complete standstill within the limited time available to save it," disaster, in his judgment, must follow. He pointed out that the policy of "pump-priming" (which includes rearmament) must some time come to an end. The general opinion, he said, was that large scale borrowings for these purposes could not go on much longer than twelve months.

Sir George laid emphasis upon the vital need for the lowering of trade barriers and the re-establishment of international trade. He praised the trade pacts recently concluded between Britain and the United States and between the United States and Canada as steps in this direction. Unless the policy which these pacts indicated were widely extended, he said, "standards of life in all countries would be so greatly reduced that the present social order could not be maintained."

We are not, for our part, anxious to see the present social order maintained. We think it has outlived its usefulness, and must be superseded. But we do not wish to see the old order go down in chaos and bloodshed. We do not wish to see Fascist or Nazi barbarism

rise upon its ruins. We wish to see the transition to a new order made possible by intelligent effort on the part of the democracies.

For these reasons, we, like Sir George, welcome the new trade agreements. Exactly how extensive their benefits may prove to be, time alone can show. They do not go nearly so far as we could have wished to see them go. But they are steps in the right direction. As such we welcome them.

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ALBERTA WHEAT POOL

The Alberta Wheat Pool convention, which closed on Wednesday, after the delegates had investigated with much thoroughness the operations of the past season, and laid down policies for the future, revealed the vitality of the organization and the determination of the delegates to ensure for the Pool in the future, the important place it has held in the field of wheat marketing in this Province.

While, a year ago, it was necessary for the general manager, R. D. Purdy, to report an operating deficit of \$371,696.11—the results of a most disastrous crop year—he was able on this occasion to report net operating earnings of \$336,420.42, a most gratifying outcome of the year's business. There was a very substantial increase in the handlings of wheat by the Pool Elevators.

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The Directors of the Alberta Pool, and of the other Western Wheat Pools, are rightly pressing their claim to a portion of the surplus which accrued through the stabilization operations of John I. McFarland, sufficient to cover the operating expenses for the financial years during which this surplus was made. Alberta's share of the surplus is more than a quarter of a million dollars.

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FARMERS' EXPLOITERS CHUCKLE

In one of the radio addresses which he gave last week, President Robert Gardiner of the U.F.A. said in part:

"The old spirit of co-operation that in the past assisted us in surmounting many difficulties, is practically gone, and in its place we have despair and a fear of what the future may be. When I happen to be in a reminiscent mood, and think of those who under the system are permitted to exploit the farmer, I

Christmas, 1938

By JESSIE SINCLAIR and
SYDNEY MAY

"Ring right merrily, Christmas bells

Your song of Peace—ah—how
it swells. . . ."

*BUT is there Peace, ye bells
While hungry children weep
And men forge deadlier swords
A tryst with Mars to keep?*

*Oh, is there Peace, ye bells,
While women look abroad
With eyes that dread the dawn
And pray to God?*

*And is there Peace, ye bells,
While Jewry dreads its fate
Crushed 'neath the iron heel
Of Christian hate?*

*Can there be Peace, ye bells,
While war-mad men prevail
And lust of blood and death
All liberty assail?*

*There is no Peace, ye bells,
The world by war is shocked
And your glad song of Peace
By Mars is mocked.*

*There SHALL be Peace, ye bells,
When we who hear your voice,
Heed well the tale it tells,
And in the Christ rejoice!*

wonder if they do not at times chuckle to themselves when they witness our divided ranks, particularly when they remember that so long as we remain divided we can be the more easily exploited."

Mr. Gardiner dwelt upon the situation in the Province in the days of early settlement. The spirit of neighborliness then built up in the course of struggle had been a powerful cement binding the rural people together for common effort. Friendships were formed that "we never expected to be broken this side of the grave." He rightly pointed out that the restoration of unity is a paramount issue in all farm communities.

For our part we believe that progress towards unity is being made. We believe that much of the bitterness which has divided neighbor from neighbor is disappearing. We think the time is coming when there will again be in Alberta a great united movement of the farm people, embracing all, no matter what their differences may be upon other matters, who place first in their program the needs of agriculture.

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"When the Four Power Pact (between Germany, Italy, Britain and France) is ripe for signature, the 'democracy' of the two Western powers will be the shadow of a memory."—H. N. Brailsford, in *Reynolds' News*.

What's Doing ? at CFAC

"Hollywood Hotel" will present its last broadcast from the film capital when it is heard over the Columbia and CBC networks Friday, December 2nd (CFAC, 7 to 8 p.m.) William Powell, master-of-ceremonies, will appear in a dramatization during the "Campbell Playhouse" portion of the program which will also feature prominent guest stars. The "Orchid Room" revue will feature Frances Langford, popular songstress, the continental ballad singer, Jean Sablon, and the music of Victor Young's Orchestra.

At the conclusion of this hour, "Campbell Playhouse" will pack its scenery and props for a trip to New York, where it will present, beginning Friday, December 9th, at the same time, full-length dramatizations of popular plays, motion pictures and novels under the direction of Orson Welles. The "Mercury Theatre" players and prominent guests will be featured.

Death of John A. Lund

Old members of the U.F.A. will note with regret the passing at Barons recently of Mr. John A. Lund, formerly an active member of that Local and of the Lethbridge Federal Constituency Association, latterly a member of the Calgary Local U.F.A. and a frequent writer to the press of the Province, including the former U.F.A. publications and *The Western Farm Leader*.

Funeral services were held in Lethbridge on Wednesday, November 23rd and were conducted by the Rev. H. P. Wood of Barons United Church, assisted by Mr. Norman F. Priestley, Vice-President of the U.F.A.

Owing to the deep drifts it was not possible to inter the remains until Saturday, November 26th. Mr. Lund, who is survived by his wife, returned to the farm at Barons in the spring of 1937. He was an ardent advocate of social change.

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Season's Books from a Librarian's List

By ALEXANDER CALHOUN, M.A.
Librarian, Calgary Public Library



BOOKS, books, books — watch them tumbling off the publisher's assembly line, month by month, week by week, and day by day, always at an ever increasing tempo, trying to keep up with our mad world. There is an increasing competition today, between the book and the magazine, the lumbering heavy train and the nimble speedy coach of our world of ideas. And books are being written more speedily, printed more speedily, sold more speedily. The remarkable thing is how great is the excellence of many of these swiftly produced books. They are, of course, generally of a purely transitory character but they fill a need.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Let me begin this brief survey with a glance at books dealing with international affairs. Such books must be produced quickly. Here it is the super-journalist who scores.

To "Insanity Fair" by Douglas Reed (Cape, \$3.00) I would give top marks. It is a new and fresh Inside Europe, vividly and even passionately

written, by an able journalist who is a lover of England, and fearful of her future. From his office window in Vienna he watched the German bombers roaring overhead, the lorries of German troops parading through the city, and then he fled to Switzerland, being not exactly popular with the German authorities.

Bruce Lockhart's "Guns or Butter" (McClelland, \$3.50), covering much of the same ground, is shrewd and observant, detached and intimate, and contains penetrating sketches of the leading political figures in the Balkans, a solid book perhaps than "Insanity Fair," but not as popular.

Lockhart's older book "Retreat From Glory" is now available in a reprint (Doubleday, \$1.29). A splendid book it is, and in it you will find a superb picture of Prague, the Czechs, and their great men.

"Man of Europe Street"

A very engaging, graphic book is "The Man in Europe Street," by Ralph Croft-Cooke (Rich and Cowan 10/6). Travelling across Europe last winter in a motor-caravan, he has talked to peasants and humble townsmen in garages, cafes, and taverns. He reports the conversations and leaves you free to form your own opinions.

Jackson's "Post-war World" (Ryerson, \$1.75), is now available in a revised 1938 edition, and remains the most useful single book for the study of international affairs.

"The Nazi Primer, official handbook for schooling the Hitler youth" (Mussion, \$1.75), is a revealing book. Similar ground is covered very effectively by Erika Mann's "School for Barbarians" (Modern Age books, 50 cents). Miss Mann is a daughter of Thomas Mann, great German writer and Nobel Prize winner, now a resident of the United States.

A very promising book, just published, and which I have not seen, is Kenneth Gould's "A Youth's Eye-view of Modern Man" (Stacpole, \$3.00). While written, primarily, for High School students, and likely to be very valuable for High School studies, it seems also to be a book which will be enjoyed by the whole family, giving as it does clear analyses of Communism, Fascism, Socialism, Democracy and Co-operation.

Two important and moving books to be published shortly will be "They Gave Us a Country," by Ex-President Benes (Knopf, \$3.00), and "The Rape of Austria," by Gedy (Harper, \$3.00), one of the best of European observer journalists, and for many years a resident of Vienna, from which city he was expelled by the Germans. To read these books will be to do homage at the grave of European hopes of peaceful co-operation between nations.

THE SOCIAL FIELD

Turning to slightly more cheerful themes, and even here, the shadows hover near, Bertrand Russell's new book, "Power, a New Social Analysis," (McLeod, \$3.50), is the outstanding social study. With his accustomed lucidity, wit and penetrating irony, the author probes the problems of individual and institutional power which threaten the well-being of society.

A new book by Marquis Childs, the author of that very popular book, "Sweden, the Middle Way," is "This Is Democracy, Collective Bargaining in Scandinavia," (Ryerson, \$2.75), which will still further enlarge our knowledge of the workings of democracy in Scandinavia. It is not likely to achieve the popularity of the earlier book.

Morton's "A People's History of England," (Ryerson, \$2.50), as its title suggests, is written from the Marxist angle, with emphasis upon the economic side.

Reynold's "Human Needs in Modern Society," (Cape, 10/6), which

I have not seen, will likely prove very valuable for study groups.

Liddell Hart's "Through the Fog of War," (Ryerson, \$3.75), is a matured appraisal of the Great War and its leaders, with pointed application to the present, by a talented writer and thinker.

RELIGIOUS BOOKS

Morton's "Through the Lands of the Bible," (Saunders, \$2.50), will be welcomed by this author's large following. It fully maintains the quality of his previous books, "In the Steps of the Master," and "In the Steps of St. Paul."

Fosdick's "Guide to the Understanding of the Bible," (Mussion, \$3.50) and Link's "Rediscovery of Man," (Macmillan, \$1.75), are books which will be widely used and read.

I might venture to include here, Edman's "Philosopher's Holiday," (Macmillan, \$3.50), a mellow book of philosophic digressions:

BIOGRAPHY, TRAVEL, SCIENCE

Here space will permit only a hurried glance at a number of inviting choices.

Irving Stone's "A Sailor on Horseback," (Allen, \$3.50), is a very readable biography of that colorful figure Jack London. Some chapters appeared in the *Saturday Evening Post*.

Bradley's "Autobiography of Earth," (Coward, \$3.00), has been greatly enjoyed by many readers. It has a geological background, but is very readable.

"Madame Curie," by her daughter, which was included in this list a year ago, is still worthy of consideration, a rich life of a great scientist from which any thoughtful reader will derive enduring satisfaction.

Anne Lindberg's "Listen to the Wind," (McLeod, \$3.50), is a book the whole family will enjoy even more than her previous book, "North of the Orient." It covers the crossing of the South Atlantic by plane with her husband. Here is a sensitive writer who has won a place for herself in American letters.

NOVELS

In spite of the flood of new novels, or because of it, I find it difficult to make a choice and back it with my recommendation.

Rawling's "Yearling," (Scribner's, \$2.50), is that somewhat rare case of a book of distinction which also heads the best-seller lists. The story is set in the Florida woods and the hero a small boy growing up, close to nature.

"Towers in the Mist" by Goudge, (Coward, \$2.50), is a rich delicate tale of Oxford University in the days of good Queen Bess.

In "My Sister Eileen," (Harcourt, \$2.00), Ruth McKinney has written a series of humorous sketches of the lives of two sisters, reprinted from the *New Yorker*. Be warned accordingly. But this book will be first choice of many for a Christmas gift. It will provoke many a chuckle.

I know that many of my readers, who are lovers of good books, will turn away rather wistfully from the feast I have spread before them. Their purses do not reach to such luxuries. For such the Penguin Books series offers a most extraordinary opportunity to buy in a cheap, stiff

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New Books---New Worlds

A Christmas Selection for Children and Young People

By LOUISE RILEY

Children's Librarian, Calgary Public Library



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A Few Suggestions

Here are a few suggestions for this bookshelf chosen from the many excellent new books for boys and girls. First, the prize-winners for the year in England and America. The Carnegie Medal (England) for the best book of the year was awarded to Miss Eve Garnett for "The Family from One-End Street" (Muller 5/). The characters in this book are very ordinary people; a dustman and his large family, and the events that make up the story are equally ordinary. But the Ruggles are very true to life. The book is full of passages to read out loud. Mrs. Ruggles is a washerwoman, capable, though harassed by her brood of seven children and her lack of money, but full of an unconscious humor. Each of the seven children is an individual, even William, the youngest, who fails to bring home the Challenge Cup from the Baby Show because he hasn't cut a tooth. Then, as if to vindicate himself, he cuts two that very evening.

Miss Garnett has rebelled against the tradition of writing books which "presuppose a world of nannies, nurseries, country houses and boarding schools," a world where "the poor" are forgotten, except at Christmas,

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paper back, good type format, some five for a dollar, many of the best novels and noteworthy detective tales published in the last decade or so, as well as general books and some new topical books such as Duff's "Europe and the Czechs," Wickham Steed's "The Press" and Louis Golding's "The Jewish Problem."

This brief survey does not pretend to give you a list of the best books of this publishing season. I have chosen books which will appeal to any reasonably intelligent person, and which have some quality entitling them to a reasonable life, which is all we can ask for in this changing world. Some of these books may not be available in time for Christmas, and in a few cases the Canadian price may be slightly higher than that given.

when the children are sent to search the toy cupboard for "something for the distressed areas, darling." Young Canadians will like the Ruggles.

A Hero Tale

In America the Newbery Medal was awarded to Kate Sedrey for her beautiful book "The White Stag" (Viking \$2.00). It is a hero tale of the legendary founding of Hungary, illustrated by the author with interpretive drawings of great strength and beauty.

A timely book is Wanda Gag's retelling of Grimm's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," (Coward \$1.00). Grateful as we are to Mr. Disney for his beautiful film, we are doubly grateful to Miss Gag for reminding us that the story we love is an unsophisticated fairy tale, full of wonder but not horror, and that dwarfs are neat and kindly little men. The story follows the original version faithfully and the pictures are all that the illustrations of a fairy tale should be.

Older girls are lucky this year. For them there is "Bright Island" (Random House \$2.00) by Mabel Robinson, a well-told school story about a girl who is real and who meets real situations. This is an absorbing book and it sets a new standard in school stories for girls. "College in Crinoline" (Longman's \$2.00) by Marjorie Medary, and "The Great Tradition" (Houghton \$2.00) by Mrs. Allee are also well above the average for older girls.

For Very Young Readers

There is very good news for the youngest readers of all, a new "Babar" book by M. de Brunhoff. This time it is "Babar's Family" (Methuen 7/6). Our old friend Babar is the father of triplets. He decides that although they are a considerable worry, he couldn't get along without them. So children everywhere are deciding that they could not get along without Babar.

Good Books for Boys

There are always good books for boys. "Corporal Corey" by Jack O'Brien (Winston \$2.00) is a great favorite. It is about a Mounted Policeman, and it is packed with adventure, no boy can resist it. "Bob Gordon, Cub Reporter" (Doubleday \$2.00) by Graham Dean is absorbing for boys old enough to be interested in a career story. For the boy whose eyes are irresistibly drawn by every plane in the sky there is "The New Book of the Air" edited by Howard Leigh (Oxford University Press 5/). Publishers are constantly getting out less expensive editions of favorite books, and a book does not need to be new to delight a child. New children's books are rather expensive, but so are other less lasting gifts. They are hard to buy in Alberta because we have not been interested enough in them to make it worth while for our booksellers to stock them. Your individual interest will do a great deal toward making good books available to your boys and girls.

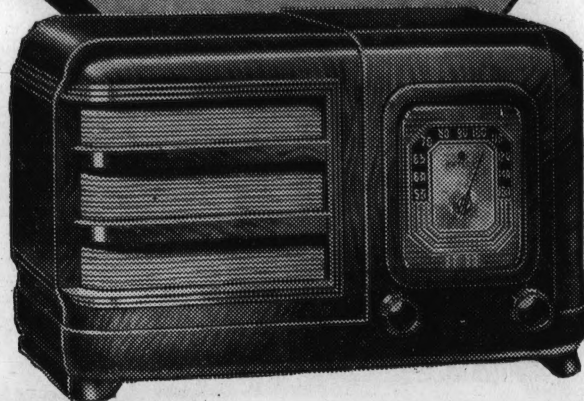
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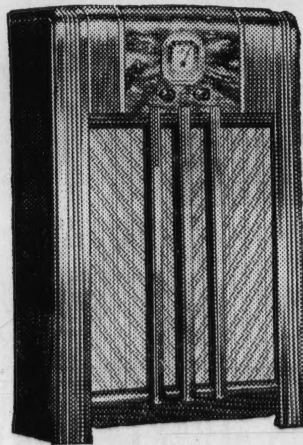


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Current News from Near and Far

PROVINCIAL

Co-operative purchase of supplies has been arranged by Alberta hospitals.

A scheme to settle 10,000 German Jewish refugees on irrigated land near Medicine Hat is reported.

Grain elevator operators in Alberta report that they are successfully organizing themselves into a trades union.

Unity organization in all constituencies, preparatory to the holding of a Provincial convention prior to the next election, was urged by John I. McFarland in an address in Edmonton Tuesday night.

Demand for labor representation on the workmen's compensation board, and protest against its present administration by one man, was the subject of resolution by the Alberta Federation of Labor in session in Calgary this week, Fred J. White, president, in the chair.

The Unity Council has organizations under way in 28 Alberta constituencies, states E. W. Brunsden, secretary.

During summer race meets in Calgary and Edmonton this year, no less than 26 horses, belonging to 23 different owners, were found to have been drugged.

P. J. Rowe, M.P., for Athabasca, has renounced "Social Credit" and is speaking at C.C.F. meetings with William Irvine, Provincial C.C.F. organizer.

Without a permanent wheat board, the prairie wheat producer has "not a chance in the world," declared G. G. Coote, in an address to the Calgary Kiwanis Club.

Large citizens' meetings in Calgary and Edmonton addressed by leading Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish clergy, and others, protested against Nazi persecution of minorities, on Sunday.

DOMINION

Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett will in future make his home in England.

Under the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act, 2,981 stock watering dams have been built in Saskatchewan, 1,345 in Alberta, and 230 in Manitoba.

Lowering of existing high tariffs, removal of quotas and foreign exchange controls are declared by Searle Grain's weekly letter to be the only solution to the world's wheat problem.

Organization of farmers into commodity selling groups, voluntary and under government boards, into consumer co-operatives and into councils to speak for the whole industry, was recommended by the U.F.O. annual convention last week.

Industrial expansion in the East had coincided with the opening up of the West, declared Premier Bracken of Manitoba, to the Dominion-Provincial commission recently. He was refuting Premier Hepburn's charges that the West had been a drag upon Eastern Canada.

WORLD

In 30 engagements during the past two weeks the Japanese forces in China are reported to have suffered 10,000 casualties.

To promote cultural relations between the South American republics and the U.S., \$1,000,000 a year will be spent by the American Government.

Should any Jew be implicated in any attack upon the life of any Nazi leader, the whole of German Jewry will be "liquidated," states the organ of Hitler's "Black Guards."

Because no meetings of the non-intervention committee have been called for months, all decisions having been made by the great powers, Sweden, Denmark and Belgium resigned from the committee.

Replying to protests of Britain, France and the U.S., Japan announces that the Yangtze, which has been closed to all traffic but her own for about a year, will continue closed.

To make up for the loss of their former Czechoslovakian allies, France is asking that Britain should build up a large army ready for service on the continent in event of war. The British Government has refused to make any commitments in this regard.

German Jews are expressing the fervent hope that President Roosevelt, during the Lima conference, will give a lead in the matter of finding havens for Jewish refugees from Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia. While anti-Semitic rioting appears to have abated, the levy of gigantic fines and harsh regulations are bringing German Jews to a desperate position. Thousands are suffering the horrors of concentration camps, and many suicides are reported.

Decrees placing public service workers under military control, and massing of troops, were Premier Daladier's reply to strike threats in France. The strikes, in turn, have been called in protest against Daladier's foreign policy and his recovery program, which, it is claimed, bears hardest upon the working people. A despatch from Paris states that the arrest of former Premier Blum, and other leftist leaders, is contemplated; while Blum's paper reports that Fascist forces are being mobilized. The strikes are reported to have been only about 30 per cent successful.

REDISTRIBUTION

The committee of the Alberta Legislature Assembly of seven on redistribution, with explicit orders in the Government resolution to cut out not more than seven seats from the present membership of 63, will go to work immediately and report back to the regular session next February. Hon. Lucien Maynard is chairman. Other members from the Government side are Messrs. Ansley, Leduc, Tomy, Whitford, Sharpe, Grande Prairie, and Ingrey, Drumheller. Representing opposition forces are Gerald O'Connor, Edmonton Liberal, and D. M. Duggan, Edmonton, Conservative leader. Independent and non-caucus Social Credit members numbering seven, were not given representation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1st.—Two of the three Nazi spies on trial for trying to steal U.S. military secrets were convicted last night; the jury is still considering the case of the third.

Conferences with Jewish Arab leaders, on the Palestine question, are being held in London.

The eighth Pan-American conference will be held in Lima, Peru, beginning December 8th.

A Nazi award has been refused by F. W. Elven, editor of a German language paper in the U.S.

The British Parliament is being asked to authorize loans in an unlimited amount for armaments.

Enrolment in German universities has declined from 126,000 in 1931 to fewer than 70,000 this year.

Pope Pius, who last week suffered a severe heart attack, was sufficiently recovered on Sunday to give audiences.

Prime Minister Chamberlain has announced that he will visit Premier Mussolini in Rome in January to discuss "appeasement."

In six by-elections fought mainly on foreign policy, the Chamberlain Government has won three and lost three, but in every case there has been a spectacular falling off in the Government vote.

General Chiang Kai-Shek is reported to have told the British Ambassador to China that unless British aid to China is speedily forthcoming her influence in that country will be at an end.

The press of Nazi Germany, lashing out against British anti-Chamberlain statesmen, and against President Roosevelt as an "anti-German," has also honored Canada with some abuse; and it is suggested that if Canadians want to see "atrocities" they should look in their own Indian reservations.

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on U.F.A. and Politics Not
Heard Over Air

CONVENTION TO DECIDE

"Will Not Stand in Way of U.F.A.
Going Out of Politics,"
Declares President

Three important broadcast addresses, outlining the policies of the United Farmers of Alberta and urging the need for unity among the farm people of the Province, were given by President Robert Gardiner of the U.F.A. over station CFCN last week.

In the third and last, Mr. Gardiner discussed the subject of political action. Unfortunately, owing to mechanical difficulties at the broadcasting station, a large part of this section of his address failed to go over the air. As the position of the President of the U.F.A. upon this question is a matter of widespread interest, we publish this portion of the address in full below:

This series of broadcasts would not be complete unless I made some reference to the political situation in Alberta. The political situation in the Province may be described as being in a muddle. It is not very important to try and determine who is to blame for the present situation. I am of the opinion that the depression is more to blame than any person or group of persons. A substantial improvement in the economic condition would go a long way in clearing up the political muddle. Pending an improvement in the economic situation, the best that we can expect is that every person who has the best interests of the Province at heart will use his best judgment in deciding what is the best course to follow.

Topic of Long Discussions

At present the U.F.A. is still in politics. The question as to whether the organization will remain in politics has been the topic of long discussions at recent Annual Conventions. The Convention of 1919 decided to take political action. This decision has not been revoked. Prior to 1919 the U.F.A. functioned solely as an economic organization. The main activities were to use our economic strength for the improvement of the farmer's position and also to develop the ideals of co-operation. After 1919 we developed our political strength, and used it when possible in the interests of the farmer. There is no question in my mind that combining and using our economic and political strength was the best method to secure results.

One Striking Illustration

One illustration of benefits secured

through political action will suffice for my purpose. In 1921 we had a Federal election and there were elected sixty-three progressives including the U.F.A. members. The U.F.A. members were direct farmer representatives. The balance of the progressive group were farmers, although not as directly responsible to the farmers as were the U.F.A. members. One of the most contentious questions that came before the House of Commons at the 1922 session was as to whether the Crow's Nest Pass Agreement would be suspended for a further period of years. It is not necessary for me to relate all that happened in the Commons in regard to this matter; most of you are familiar with what transpired. It is safe to say, that had it not been for the presence of the farmer representation in Parliament, the Crow's Nest Pass Agreement would have been suspended for a further period of time, and very possibly would still today be suspended.

Every time you sell grain you save so many cents a bushel on freight, because you sent farmers to represent you at Ottawa in 1921. You have drawn and are drawing, a dividend on every bushel of grain because you went to the trouble and expense to elect farmers' representatives.

This illustrates the reason why I stated that the ideal was for the farmer to use his economic and political strength in combination.

In these broadcasts I have stressed the necessity of organization if the farmers expect to improve their condition. Many excuses are given by farmers for their failure to support our organization. The excuse that appears to be most prevalent is that the U.F.A. is still in politics.

Will Not Stand in Way

If this is the main reason for the continuation of the split in our ranks, may I say that insofar as I am personally concerned, I will not stand in the way of the U.F.A. going out of politics. Please remember that in this particular matter I am expressing my own opinion. You are aware that the policy of the U.F.A. is decided by the Annual Convention. I am firmly convinced that organization is the first essential to success, and anything that prevents organization must be set aside. My last appeal is this, that conditions are such that we cannot afford any longer to remain divided.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT—

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four pigs and fifty domestic fowl besides food and clothing for the debtor and his family for six months.

(e) An automobile or truck used for agricultural purposes and not exceeding \$400 in value.

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dent of the men's Local). Funeral services were conducted in Southminster United Church, Lethbridge, by the Rev. J. M. Fritchard, assisted by Mr. Norman F. Priestley, for many years a friend of the family.

An unusual feature of the situation was occasioned by the blizzard of November 10th when Mr. Davidson and his son, Edwin, collided head-on with another car on the Lethbridge to Medicine Hat highway. As both father and son suffered from broken bones, the funeral services had to be postponed until next day.

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WOULD MUZZLE PRESS

Secret efforts have been made by Propaganda Minister Goebbels of Germany to induce the press of Scandinavian countries to soft pedal criticism of the Nazis, and strong hints have also been made that Hitler would like to see the British press muzzled.

Interests of

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Approaching the Christmas Season

Warwick Farm, after that Teacher came to teach
Edgerton, Alberta the brotherhood of man!

Dear Farm Women:

Ray of Hope in Darkness

Looking back, it seems that for many succeeding years we have approached the Christmas season with mingled feelings. Those of us who have been fortunate enough to look forward to it with happy anticipation because of what it would mean to us personally have been saddened when we realized that so many people in the world could not share our happiness because of sorrow or trouble or poverty.

Poverty, War, Persecution

This year in some sense that feeling is accentuated. We know there is poverty, trouble and unhappiness in every country in the world. In China and in Spain war still drags on with continual loss of life and property. In the country where lived the Teacher who taught and lived his doctrine that all men are brothers, there is the most intense hatred showing itself in killing and destruction. And, what has possibly been more appalling than anything else, is the recent persecution to which the people of his same race have been subjected.

A few years ago probably most of us would have indignantly denied that it was possible in this day and age for the people of so-called highly civilized countries to indulge in such outbursts against innocent people. We told the story of Christ, whose birthday we celebrate, being born in a stable because there was no room for him in the inn. Today, we have a whole people with apparently no place for them in the whole wide world. I wonder how many of us can grasp just what misery that can mean? What a position for a civilized world in this year, nearly two thousand years

Sometimes I think we should be weighed down with depression at this thought of the general inhumanity of man if we did not have interludes like the Christmas season to cheer us. It is in a sense akin to the recurrence of the seasons of the year; a feeling that "If winter comes, can spring be far behind." It gives us a ray of hope that in spite of the darkness of these wars and hatreds and the selfishness that exists, there yet may be peace on earth and good will among all.

We know that Christmas bells will ring, that stockings will be hung and trees decorated. We know there will be laughter and fun and happy gatherings. We know there will be many kindly deeds done and we know there will be many sacrifices made that others in less fortunate circumstances may enjoy some of the pleasures of the holiday season. We realize there is something else in man besides greed and hatred, selfishness and indifference. Best of all, we realize there are countless men and women working to promote the spirit of brotherhood of people and nations. They are trying to dig down and remove the root causes which develop the baser qualities of mankind.

So again, may we all have and may we all help to give a happy Christmas season. May we bend our energies to help promote peace and good will among men.

Yours sincerely,
H. ZELLA SPENCER.



"This Local values very much the work that Central Office has done and is doing to meet our needs," writes Mrs. Harry Walke, secretary of Conjurung U.F.W.A. Members were particularly pleased with the efforts of the organization in regard to establishing a minimum price for wheat.



HOME-MAKERS up and down the land are now in the midst of Christmas plans—getting the curtains freshly laundered, the knives and forks and other silver polished, seeing that the best tablecloth is washed and ironed, and looking to all those preparations that help to make the holiday season stand out from the common run of days. Those that are happily looking forward to family reunions are overhauling the bedding supplies and making and re-making plans to "sleep" the guests. And all who are planning the menus far in advance are saving themselves a lot of last-minute bustle and fatigue.

For a special breakfast treat, try these

Popovers: Sieve a cup of flour with a little salt into a bowl. Beat up an egg with 1 cup of milk and pour into the flour and beat for five minutes; half fill warmed and greased patty pans and bake for half an hour. Don't open the oven door for at least ten minutes.

Christmas Pudding: Mix together in the order given 1 cup finely ground carrots, 1 cup grated potatoes (both raw), 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1/2 cup melted butter, 1 cup chopped walnuts, 1 beaten egg, 1 teaspoon soda, 1 cup flour, 2 cups raisins, 1/2 cup chopped citron peel, spices to taste. Steam 3 hours. Serve with

Pudding Sauce: 4 tablespoons butter, 4 tablespoons cream, 1/2 cup brown sugar and 2 eggs beaten together. Cook in double boiler until thick and serve hot.

If you're looking for a light pudding that is still fit for a king, here's

Celestine Pudding: Cook in a double boiler for 15 minutes 1/2 cup quick tapioca and a little salt with 1 quart boiling water. Add 1 cup sugar, the juice of two lemons and the grated rind of one. Cool, and fold in 1 cup cream, whipped. Garnish with canned raspberries.

For Christmas Eve supper, or any holiday meal with guests, what could be nicer than pork or veal chops with the apple stuffing for which the recipe is given below, and these:

Cheese Cakes: Beat 4 tablespoons each of butter and sugar to a cream, beat in 1 egg and add the grated rind and the juice of a lemon, then 3/4 cup flour into which has been sifted 1 teaspoon baking powder and a pinch of salt. Line small patty pans with pastry, put a spoonful of apricot jam in each, and cover with a good spoonful of this mixture. Curl a fine strip of pastry on the top of each cake, and bake in a hot oven.

Apple Stuffing: Brown a small minced onion in 3 tablespoons butter, add 1-1/2 cups bread crumbs, a little salt and pepper, and 3 large apples, peeled and chopped fine; add enough stock to moisten. Bake in a greased pan about 20 minutes.

Family Christmas Cake: The C.W.S. recommends this recipe as rather plain but decidedly good. Mix a pinch of salt with 4 cups flour and rub in 2 cups butter or other shortening; add 2 teaspoons baking powder, 2 cups brown sugar, 1/4 lb. each currants and raisins, 1/2 lb. sultanas, and 1/4 lb. shredded mixed peel. Add 2 beaten eggs and, if necessary to

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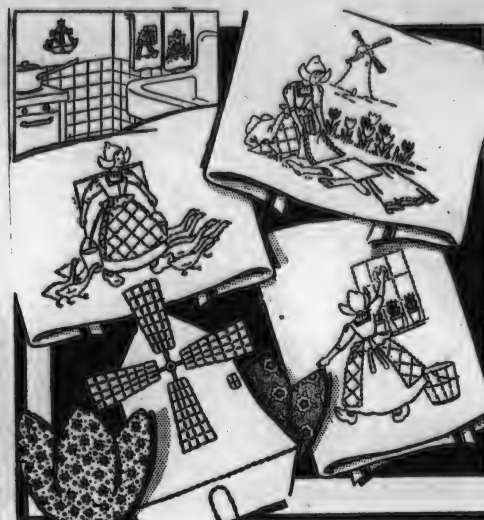
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make the batter moist but stiff, a little milk. Bake 45 minutes in a fairly hot oven.

If you plan to make your own candy, you'll be interested in these recipes:

Velvet Molasses Candy: 1 cup molasses, 1-1/2 cups sugar, 1/2 cup water, 1-1/2 tablespoons vinegar, 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar, 4 tablespoons melted butter and 1/8 teaspoon soda. Cook molasses, sugar, water and vinegar in heavy pan, stirring constantly; when it boils, add cream of tartar, and boil until it is brittle when dropped into cold water. Add butter and soda. Pour into buttered pan. When cool enough to handle, pull until light colored; while pulling, flavor with vanilla, lemon extract, peppermint or oil of wintergreen. Cut in small pieces with

scissors or sharp knife.

Super-Fudge: Mix together 2 cups sugar, 2 tablespoons corn syrup, 4 tablespoons cocoa and 1-1/4 cups milk and cook until it forms a ball in cold water. Remove from fire, add 2 tablespoons butter and 1 teaspoon vanilla; let stand until lukewarm, then beat until creamy.

Shortbread Cookies: A delicious, extra-light shortbread, easily and quickly made. Mix together well 1-1/2 cups flour, 1/2 cup cornstarch, 3/4 cup icing sugar and 1/2 pound butter. Roll in hand for a few minutes (breaking off pieces and rolling together again); roll out desired thickness and cut, bake in slow oven 15 or 20 minutes. Make into thin cookies for those who ordinarily don't like shortbread.

Junior News Items

At their first meeting, Sunniebend Junior U.F.A. Local, with an attendance of seventeen young people, made plans to put on a play.

Alix Junior U.F.A. Local are setting a stiff pace for other young people to follow. They have helped build and are doing a good share in the maintenance of the community hall; recently they held a bee to give the hall its regular house-cleaning, and later held a dance (following the senior Locals' chicken supper; funds being devoted to paying taxes on the building. Peggy Wolferstan, secretary, takes the place of George Golberg on the hall committee, during the absence of the latter at University. Another big enterprise they have set their hands to is the sponsoring of a local dramatic festival, the idea being to have several one-act plays; they hope to secure the services of an adjudicator from Edmonton. At a recent meeting they read and discussed the report of the Youth Congress in Toronto, and heard Ethel Rouse, editor, read an interesting edition of *The Alix Junior*.

Christmas Parties

Christmas is a time to be old-fashioned and informal. Nothing is more suitable for entertainment during the holiday season than the singing of Christmas hymns and carols and old songs, by everyone in chorus; the joining of old and young in such old games as forfeits, Jacob and Rachael, Pussy Wants a Corner, General Post, The Miller of the Dee and Charades. Or for something quieter, such round games as Old Maid, Hearts, Pick-up Sticks, I Packed My Trunk, etc., are suitable for mixed gatherings; and riddles and conundrums may be tolerated once a year, or even enjoyed by those queer folk who like them.

AN ENIGMA

My first is in snake but not in adder,
My second's in hiker but not in gadder.
My third's in chair and also in table,
My fourth is in book but not in fable.
My fifth is in ear and also in eye,
My sixth is in soar but not in fly.
My seventh's in pony but not in mare,
My eighth's in peach and also in pear,
My ninth is in straight but not in bent,
My tenth is in dollar but not in cent.
My eleventh's in seed but not in sow,
My whole's a man's name you're quite sure to know.

RIDDLES

What is it that everyone always leaves behind him, yet never forgets?
When is a girl, being kissed, most likely to be upset?
What was created before Adam, yet is never more than a month old?

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World Wheat Situation

Argentina can now be marked down as having produced a remarkably fine crop this year. In fact, total wheat production may crowd the 300 million bushel mark, which is 79 million bushels above the five-year average. Australia's crop is now estimated at 140 million, so that the southern hemisphere may reach a total wheat production this year of 440 million bushels. This total exceeds the last estimate of the United States department of Agriculture by 50 million bushels and will bring world crop figures up to 4,414 million. The decline in the estimate of Canadian production of 10 million bushels still leaves a substantial increase in the estimate of world production.

The United States winter wheat acreage is estimated to be around 47 million, or 10 million less than sown a year ago. A good share of this decrease was due to farmers complying with the program suggested by the department of agriculture, observes the *Cargill Crop Bulletin*. However, poor germination, winter killing and damage from other sources may reduce the harvested acreage to somewhere near the 38 million proposed by the government. If the same yield per acre is harvested in 1939 as was in the current year, the crop will be around 500 million bushels, or 188 million less than this year.

Broomhall reports Argentina wheat being offered at 65-1/4c, which means the new crop is being subsidized at from 10c to 15c a bushel. The Argentine Government is paying the farmers 59c a bushel for their wheat at Buenos Aires, and offering it to the exporters at about world price levels. But the demand is slow and importers are well supplied with wheat for the time being. This new wheat is being shipped abroad and Broomhall says when arrivals commence next January a "buyers' market" will surely prevail. Wonder what Broomhall thinks the present market is?

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Nov. 29th.—The cattle market has been active with a good demand for all classes. Good to choice butcher steers were \$4.75 to \$5.50, common to medium \$3 to \$4.50; good to choice heifers \$4 to \$5, common to medium \$3 to \$3.75. Good to choice fed calves sold at \$5 to \$6; good cows \$3 to \$3.50; canners and cutters \$1.25 to \$1.75; good bulls \$2.75 to \$3. Good feeder and stocker steers were quoted at \$3.75 to \$4.50; good stock cows and heifers \$2.50 to \$3.25, common \$1.75 to \$2.25; good to choice veal calves \$4.50 to \$5.50. Hogs were slightly stronger with selects selling at \$8.10, bacon \$7.60 and butchers \$7.10 off trucks. Good lambs were \$6.25 to \$6.75.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Nov. 29th.—The cattle market has been active on all classes at firm values. Good to choice steers were \$4.50 to \$5, common to medium \$3 to \$4; good to choice heifers \$4.50 to \$5, common to medium \$3 to \$4; good to choice cows \$3 to \$3.25; canners and cutters \$2 down; bulls \$2.50 to \$3. Better kinds of stockers and feeders sold at \$3.75 to \$4.25; others \$3.50 down. The hog market has been unsteady with selects selling at \$7.90, bacon \$7.40 and butchers \$6.90, off trucks. Good top lambs were \$6; yearlings \$3.50 down; ewes \$2.50 down; light-weight top calves up to \$6.50; good heavy calves up to \$5.

Dairy Market

The butter market has been extremely quiet with little or no change. Westerners are remaining very firm on their prices and have been rejecting some Eastern bids. Montreal is quoted at 22, Toronto 21-3/4, Winnipeg 20, Vancouver 21-1/2, a slight increase over our quotations of two weeks ago. Local prices are still unchanged with first grade prints at 23c and special grade butter fat 17c.

Christmas Trees



IT was 1938 years ago in a Heaven pure and remote, crammed with pulsating pin-points of light, that the large Star in the East shone with such magical brilliance; when lo! an extraordinary awe hushed the spirit of our troubled world to a sense of enchantment and miracle, charity and love.

The busy world of today is grateful for the annual pause in honor of this sacred event as evinced by the universal spirit of peace, goodwill and joy.

Those Yuletide symbols of beneficence—Christmas trees—soon to become fairy-like loadstones in glowing pageants of jollity, stand like sparkling pyramids in a virgin-white dream-landscape. Young and old, rich and poor, hale and sick are aglow with warm anticipation of an indefinite, bejewelled Something which may be awaiting them on one of these trees.

Now there are Christmas trees—and Christmas trees!

On the balsams the cones stand proudly erect; the flattish leaves which, on many branches, appear to be two-ranked, form apparently flat sprays. These leaves will stick tight even in the heat of the house. Spruce trees allow their cones to droop as if ashamed of their objectionable habit of shedding their sharp, four-sided needles (which bristle out all round the branches) over the party-rug. But the needles will remain attached to twigs of herbarium specimens if they are boiled in three-quarters of a gallon of water for half an hour to which 1 ounce of copper sulphate has been added.

Garden, field and forest are now desolate with the apparent death of December; but there is no winter in the soul of the plant lover; only serenity and hope, as he recalls with supreme gratitude a world of great simple things where contentment meets him and takes him tenderly by the hand as he revels in the sweetly mystic notes of the Pipes of Pan which even the ribald bellow of an ugly and ruthless reality can never subdue. —By E. W. Hart, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

Grain Honors

WEMBLEY, Nov. 28th. — New grain honors were brought to this northern district by the young Rigby brothers, Floyd and Justyn, respective winners of the wheat king and oat king titles, at the Chicago International grain show this week. These young men, 23 and 22 years old, have previously won notable honors in grain shows; Herman Trelle, J. B. Alsop, and James Sebastian, former wheat champions, are also residents of this district.

The Eastern Irrigation District had an average wheat yield this year of 28.9 bushels, compared with 21.4 last year.

Urge Laboratories to Study Wheat Uses in Industrial Fields

At the meeting of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, in Toronto, called to discuss agricultural problems, D. G. McKenzie, vice-president of the U.G.G., presided. L. W. Brockington, of the Northwest Grain Dealers' Association, proposed that a divisional research laboratory be established in Western Canada.

"Steps should be taken to establish laboratories for the exclusive research into the possibilities of the industrial utilization of Canadian wheat and wheat products," stated C. E. Hayles, president of the North-West Grain Dealers' Association, in an interview.

Finding New Markets

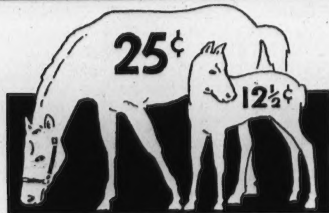
Mr. Hayles declared that the line elevator companies operating in Western Canada would co-operate in seeking new industrial uses for farm products, and accordingly had selected L. W. Brockington, K.C., and Cecil Lamont, to represent the Association at the Toronto Conference. The policy of the companies, he said, was that of expanding and locating new and profitable markets for Canadian wheat rather than restricting production or placing quotas on sales. He added that representatives of the trade, early in the sessions of the Turgeon Commission in 1937, had urged practical assistance in determining the possibilities of finding additional uses for farm products; and subsequently they had arranged for Mr. Lamont to visit the principal chemical research laboratories of the United States to survey the progress made in this respect in the industrial field. Finding of the survey were laid before the Toronto conference.

Mr. Hayles stated that the association would take part in the International Wheat Conference in Winnipeg in early December.

Below Cost of Production

"Despite everything that has been done" (with a view to getting the growers better prices) said Mr. Hayles, "the world price is today substantially below the cost of production, and has been during the greater part of the time since 1930. In order to assist the farmer, the Government of Canada authorized the Canadian Wheat Board to set a minimum price for this year's crop. Our association has consistently advocated adequate assistance to the farmer in the event of world prices falling below production costs and with the Government's decision our association is in hearty and cordial agreement."

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What Assembly Did Acts Passed at Special Session

By C. H. STOUT

From November 15th to the 22nd Alberta's Legislative Assembly chamber echoed again to the march of members, interchange of debate and even the clang of division bells, the special session being called, among other things, to review and pass further laws and regulations for the conservation of oil and gas resources in the Province, particularly Turner Valley.

Seventh session in three years, the House sat seven days, enacted seven important bills, and named a special committee of seven to consider reducing the House membership by seven seats.

Oil Control Bill

Chief measure for consideration was the oil and gas bill designed to extend wider powers of regulation and control of oil and gas resources to the new conservation board headed by W. F. Knode of Texas. Independent operators of Turner Valley appeared before the agricultural committee of the assembly and for days fought strenuously against what they charged was conservation mainly in the interests of the major companies in the field. However, the act finally went through without material changes. It prohibits any appeal to the courts from orders of the board. One concession made was provision for compensation for any company closed down by the board.

Debt Adjustment Amendments

Amendments to the debt adjustment act were aimed at renewal of mortgages without consent having been obtained from the adjustment board. The amendment rules that such renewals shall "be of no force and effect unless and until the same has been approved by the board."

Alterations in the municipal hail insurance act make it possible for the dissolution of districts organized under the statutes of 1922, by means of liquidators appointed by the Government. While the measure was being debated the hail insurance act of 1938 was brought into question and Hon. Lucien Maynard, Minister, admitted there might be losses but he expected current levies to take care of the bulk of claims during the season.

School Act Amendments

Amendments to the school act of 1931 and 1938 give more rigid powers of Government control over boards of trustees in respect to personal liability for signing agreements and otherwise carrying on district work not authorized by the act.

A bill providing for the establishment of credit houses went through the session without any major difficulties this being in effect a validating measure for the recent creation of credit houses under Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council warrant. It was not the Government's present intention, said Hon. Solon Low, Provincial Treasurer, to extend immediately the number of credit houses already established, but agencies for these branches were being organized through the \$200,000 recently provided. Further expenditures will have to be authorized by the Legislature.

Another bill set up a scheme for settlement of half breeds in the north, by means of associations to be formed under sanction of the Minister of Health. Still another measure authorized the payment of \$10 per day to each member of the Assembly during the special session, with an additional \$25 for Mr. Speaker.

Election Rumors

Prolonged meetings of Government forces in caucus were held during the session. It was rumored from within Government circles that a general election is probable this coming year, likely late in June or early in July. Premier Aberhart and Treasurer Low went East immediately after the session to discuss public debt refunding

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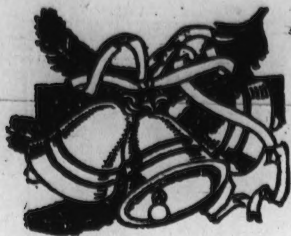
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So the Bruins have sold Tiny Thompson to Detroit! \$15,000 cash and another player isn't a bad price either! Tiny is to punch in, right now with the Red Wings, while Frank Brimsek, 23-year old new comer, will be in charge of the Boston cage. This seems to be an unsteady year for some old reliable puck-stoppers—Normie Smith, Detroit net minder, has been having his troubles too, and at present vows he will hang up his skates rather than play in a minor league.

Alberta Hockey is well under way with the Lethbridge Maple Leafs showing definite signs of meaning business. Lethbridge supporters declare they have an Allan Cup team this year and so far at least, they're certainly superior in the Southern Alberta League. The much bally-hoed Calgary Stampeders seem to be getting no where fast and doing it well. 'Tis rumored that there is a bit of rivalry or hard feeling among various 'Peders, and the boys just won't pull together. The Turner Valley Oilers, who incidentally are great crowd pleasers, will be plenty dangerous if and when they polish up their attack around the net.

Paul Boesch, the wrestler from New York, is causing a little excitement among fight fans with his "Japanese Sleeper" hold. Just a little pressure somewhere in the vicinity of his opponent's neck and he has a sleeping babe in the ring. A good box on the ears and presto! the sleeper is awake. Nice friendly gamel

MUSTARD and CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!



This is the Christmas number of this great family journal, so, just to be in line, here's wishing every reader of this perpendicular pile of perspicacity: "A Merry Christmas." But shay stober as it leaves us at present.

Postcard from Cynical Gus says there's one compensation about being poor, you never learn to run into debt heavily.

O.K. by us, Gus, but you wait till the Christmas Bills start coming in.

WE SWIPE THIS

There was a young girl of Australia
Who went to a dance as a dahlia.
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It revealed to the world
That the dress, as a dress, was a
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Exchange.

Paradoxical as it may sound, declares the Bad Egg from Crow's Nest, an imaginary trouble is harder to cure than a real one.

NOTE FOR HENDERSONIAN STUDENTS

It is not what we know that helps us so much as it is how we apply what we know.

Yep, boys and gals, and just remember that the underhand in business is often more expensive than the overhead.

A CHRISTMAS REVERIE

To N.

Alone at last in my quiet room,
surrounded by lurking shadows
that dare not approach within
the radius of a single lighted
lamp, hands folded idly over a
book I had forgotten to read,
and a golden voice coming out of
the air that sings of love . . . and
longing . . . Ah, it's good to be
alone . . . sometimes. Idleness
breeds idle fancies . . . dreams
long ago laid to rest rise to taunt
. . . to linger . . . and to be
dreamed all over again . . .
There's the old, old one of the ideal
pal . . . and one where strange
trails beckon and call . . . and
all the others that I used to dream
---and still do---come back to be
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and gleam among the shadows in
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A little cough—"Good evening,
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—Punch Bowl.

Believe it or not, as Mr. Ripley says, but the more you put into your work the more you get out of it.

Perjurer in London has just been sent down for seven years. Ah, well, now he can lie in jail.

News item says that down in those grand old United States a gal reported to police that a burglar had stolen every stitch of her clothing. We trust

that she gave the information over the telephone. Cops are so easily shocked these days.

Oh, yes, and unless we forget, when doing your Christmas shopping early this year, be sure to patronize the advertisers of "The Western Farm Leader." Thanks a lot.

INTRODUCE US, PEGGY

And spritely Peggy L. has just pulled this one on us: She was only a footballer's daughter, but she never kicked over a kiss.

BETTER LATER THAN NEVER, EH?

Friday, November 25th, on the front page the "Albertan" announced a forthcoming series of articles by Mr. Dexter of London who was going to tell all and sundry all about the Cliveden set. Oh, hum! Can you imagine it!

Last March "The Western Farm Leader" published the complete low-down on this particular political gang, and foretold its exact effect on Mr. Chamberlain's future policy. Last March, mark you, and now, eight months later, our "enterprising" contemporary which claims to be "first with the news" is going to let everybody into a secret known already in Alberta to a wider circulation than that possessed by itself. Read it in "The Western Farm Leader" BEFORE it is news!

Watch it happen!

Lissen girls, "Where there's smoke there's ire"—that is, if you happen to have old fashioned parents.

While you are polishing off your sumptuous Christmas dinner, just remember that many people suffer from indigestion because their teeth are false to them.

Certainly, Algernon, we love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Yep, especially the one about 20 who is a beautiful brunette.

"Daughter-in-law of Clergyman Jail- ed for Shoplifting."—headline. Let us prey!

ALAS, POOR PUSSY



"'Twas the night before Christmas
And all through the house
Not a creature was stirring
Not even a mouse."
Ah, well, maybe there ain't no Santa Claus in Catland.

Knotty Frankie opines that if twins are the "squalls on the sea of matrimony" then quintuplets must be a regular hurricane.

Oh, hum, we believe we've heard this before, but here goes, "the trouble with leading a double life is that you have to do it on a single income."



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The Little Log House

A Children's Christmas Story

By AMELIA TURNER SMITH

It was very exciting. Clara enjoyed helping Reta and Mrs. Ash with the packing. She packed her dolls and books and paints and most of her clothes and other belongings herself. At times she felt sad to be leaving her old home, and the school, and all her friends; and when she thought of Christmas, her heart sank dreadfully.

But the train journey was interesting, and the last part of the journey, in a sleigh, driven by a neighbor, was delightful. How eagerly Clara watched for a sight of the little log house. She had seen a picture of it. And all at once, there it was, nestling in a little hollow. Only one other house could be seen—that was Mr. Tucker's, and it was just a short distance away.

They were surprised to see smoke coming out of the chimney, and when they went in they found Mr. Tucker had swept the floors, and made fires in the kitchen stove and in the fireplace, before he went to meet them.

"That fireplace!" Granny smiled as she sat down beside it. "I had a romantic notion for a fireplace, so your Grandpa had one built; but it was silly, in this little place."

"I don't think it's romantic, I think it's lovely," exclaimed Clara. "And see the bunks at the end! Won't it be fun to sleep in them? One for you and one for me! And the little wee kitchen, and all the shelves for our things! And the table and chairs all ready!"

"It's just as well I had those few things sent on," said Granny, "so we were able to bring all the other things with us today."

Mr. Tucker brought in the other boxes, and Granny paid him for driving them, and thanked him for making the fires.

"I'm sorry my wife and children are away, but when they get back they'll come and visit you. I'll drop around occasionally to see if you're all right," and off he hurried.

"Oh dear," said Clara, "I do wish he'd said how old his children were, and when they would be here. If there should be even one my age, wouldn't that be fine!"

Granny was very tired, and thought she would lie down. And Clara opened one of the trunks, and unpacked blankets to cover her; then she got out the kettle and filled it from the little creek that ran past the house, and made some tea, and they had their first meal in their new home.

For quite a few days, Clara was very busy. Granny had to be very

beside each bunk. Then the dishes and groceries were neatly arranged in the tiny kitchen, and they were as cosy as possible.

While the weather was fine, Clara liked to go out and pick up sticks to burn. She saw chickadees in the trees, and rabbits sometimes scampered away from her, (and once she saw a deer; but that was in the evening, from the window), and cows and horses grazed in the nearby pasture. She often looked toward the Tucker house, but saw nothing of the children.

Then a big storm came. For a while it was fun to watch the wind drive the snow into big drifts. Clara swept and dusted every day, set the table for their meals and washed the dishes. Granny taught Clara to make cakes. As soon as one was eaten, Granny thought of a different kind to make; and that was a very jolly kind of game. And they talked a lot, and Clara read her favorite stories aloud to Granny.

Still, at times, it did seem a little too quiet. And Christmas was coming and Clara wondered if Santa Claus would be able to reach them, and she was afraid Christmas would not be much like it had always been in their old home.

Then, suddenly, as her other great idea had come, Clara thought of a delightful plan.

"I'll make a surprise for Granny," she said to herself. "I'll decorate a little tree, and cover it with little presents, all for Granny." She jumped up and down with excitement. "I'll do it in the kitchen, in the afternoons, while she's resting, and it'll be lots of fun."

That very afternoon she set to work. She made some tiny baskets of bits of colored paper. Then she made a batch of taffy, and pulled it, and cut it into little pieces. The smallest pieces went into the baskets, and the longer ones were wrapped in bits of cellophane, to hang on the tree. "They really look nice and shiny, almost like little candles," Clara said to herself. Some silver paper was cut into the narrowest of strips, and some into little circles. These, with circles of colored paper, were to hang in festoons. She made a tiny fairy doll for the top of the tree, dressed in a very full-skirted pink dress, with tiny stars of the silver paper sewn on, and a silver crown on its golden hair (made of yellow yarn) and wings of silver paper. It was really sweet, Clara thought.

Next, she made a tiny book (for the tree was to be very small, and everything to go on it must be small to match) and wrote in it Granny's favorite Christmas carol, and ornamented the cover in bright colors, with her paints. This gave her an idea, and she made several tiny Christmas cards, drawing and coloring the pictures, and writing in each differently, as "To Granny from Clara"; "To Mrs. Curtis from Santa"; "To A.C. from C.B."; and so on.

Last of all, she found a lovely little tree, and set it in a little red pitcher; and tied on it the baskets, the cards, the little book, the candy candles, the silver strips, the paper festoons and, on the top, the dainty little fairy. She hid it away carefully.

Granny helped make a Christmas cake and a Christmas pudding; and Clara brought in some small pieces of spruce boughs and kinnikinnick and put them on the mantle, and over the windows.

How happily Clara went to sleep on Christmas Eve, thinking of the little tree and of how surprised Granny

would be! She awoke early, and quietly brought the tree and set it on the table. Granny must have been up earlier and made up the fire, for it burned brightly, and lit up the silver paper and the candy candles.

"Good gracious!" cried Granny, sitting up in bed. "Where did the beautiful tree come from?"

Clara laughed with joy. Then she noticed a stocking, a plump, lumpy stocking, hanging from the mantle.

"Can that be for me?" Quickly she reached and lifted it down.

"It must be, I think," said Granny. "But the lovely little tree! How did that get here?"

How they both laughed. How they hugged each other, and talked and explained. Granny admired everything on the tree, again and again. And Clara looked in the stocking, and found a bright red knitted cap and mittens; a little book of fairy stories, with such pretty pictures in it; a little Indian doll, with black hair, and beads, and a red skirt and a gay plaid shawl; and a dainty little box, to keep things in; and a pale blue comb; and a pink bracelet! There seemed no end to the pretty things that came out of that stocking.



Well! After a while they set aside their gifts, and Granny dressed, and Clara got breakfast ready. They were still sitting at the table when there was a noise outside, and voices, and a knock at the door.

And who do you think it was! Mrs. Tucker, and two children—a girl a little bigger than Clara and a boy a little smaller, all smiling in the friendliest way, and all crying "Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas!" They had come to invite Granny and Clara to Christmas dinner.

"We just got home yesterday," explained Mrs. Tucker, "but we've been up early, and we'll have dinner ready in good time. Can you be ready if Mr. Tucker and Tommy come for you with the sleigh?"

Of course they could get ready, and they did, and they drove to the Tucker house, and had a delicious dinner, and Clara played with Belle and Tommy and found them just as friendly and good-humored as they looked. And there was a little brother, too, a chubby little fellow just toddling about, who got into a great deal of mischief, and kept them all laughing at his funny little ways.

"Do you know, Granny," said Clara just before she went to sleep that night, "I was so happy this morning I thought I couldn't be any happier; and then Belle and Tommy came along, and I found that I could. Hasn't it been a lovely day? And we're going to go sleigh-riding together tomorrow afternoon."

ALTHOUGH Clara had no father or mother, brother or sister, she had never felt lonely until now. She lived with her grandmother, and they were very fond of each other; and she was a favorite with all the boarders who lived in Granny's big house, and with Reta, who helped do the work, and with the children in her class at school. She was a very cheerful little girl and had had a happy life.

But now, Granny was ill. Clara had been to see her, in the hospital, and had been frightened to see how different she looked. Granny, whose cheeks had been round and rosy like Clara's own, was so pale, and her hands lay so still, and her voice was so weak, that she seemed a different person to her busy, pleasant, laughing self.

And then it seemed Granny wouldn't be able to look after the big house for a long time, and would be short of money. How Clara wished that she were grown up, and could earn some money, and take care of her dear Granny!

However, very soon Granny was able to come home, and she talked quite a little, and smiled often at Clara. Clara was so happy she wanted to frisk about and jump and dance, but she knew Granny must still be kept quiet, so she just sat as still as a mouse.

Mrs. Ash, Granny's great friend, was talking about someone who wanted to rent Granny's house, and Granny was saying that it was a good chance; but she didn't know where she and Clara would live.

Here was something new to worry Clara. She didn't at all want to leave her own nice home and all her friends. Where should they go? She was frightened, and thought of the little match girl who took shelter from the storm in a doorway.

She thought a great deal about it. And next day, quite suddenly, the Great Idea came to her. She really danced and sang this time, and then ran to tell Granny.

"Granny," she announced, sitting down on the foot of Granny's bed, "I have a good idea!"

"Have you, dear?" Granny smiled. "What is it?"

"Let's go and live in the little log house! You know, you've often told me about the little log house where you and Grandpa and my Mama lived once a long time ago. Let's go there, just you and me, and live in it! And I'll do the cooking, and take care of you, and when you're perfectly well again, we'll come back here!"

"Gracious, child, we couldn't—Although I don't know—" Granny wrinkled her forehead and tapped her fingers as she thought it over.

Well, they talked about it, and Mrs. Ash wrote some letters, and before long it was all decided. Granny and Clara were going to live in the little log house, away off in the foothills, for a year.



careful not to do much work, so Clara washed the windows and hung up the dotted muslin curtains, and made up the beds with gay patchwork quilts on top, and put the little clock on the mantel, and arranged their books on a shelf, and their clothes in boxes and cupboards; and they had three hooked mats, one to go in front of the fireplace, and one small one